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SUZANNE MARIE SCHATZ

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4503]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 4503) for the relief of Suzanne Marie Schartz, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Suzanne Marie Schartz. The bill provides for an appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee and head tax.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill was born in Germany on April 15, 1907, and is a citizen of Luxemburg. She is a Roman Catholic nun who last entered the United States as a visitor on August 23, 1950. She is a mother superior in the religious order of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny and is presently engaged in duties at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Manville, R. I.

A letter dated March 20, 1952, to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives from the Deputy Attorney General with reference to the case reads as follows:

MARCH 20, 1952.

HON. EMANUEL CELLER,
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (H. R. 4503) for the relief of Suzanne Marie Schwartz, an alien. The bill would grant Suzanne Marie Schwartz (Mother Mary Angela of the Holy Cross) permanent residence in the United States.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department disclose that the alien, a native of Germany and citizen of Luxemburg, was born on April 15, 1907. She arrived in the United States at the port of New York on August 23, 1950, and was admitted as a temporary visitor for a period of 6 months. She has received several extensions of stay, the last of which expired on January 25, 1952.

The files further disclose that the alien is a mother superior in the religious order of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny. She joined that order in 1931 and from 1933 until July 1950 was stationed at a convent in Haiti. Since her entry into the United States, she and two other nuns have been engaged in domestic duties at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Manville, R. I., which institution was opened by the Oblate Fathers about the time she was admitted into the United States, and she came to this country to found a branch of her order at this institution. Father Leo Monette, director of the retreat house, stated that the alien is the mother superior of the group of nuns stationed there.

The quota for Germany, to which the alien is chargeable, is oversubscribed and an immigration visa is not readily obtainable. Whether, under the circumstances in this case, the general provisions of the immigration laws should be waived, presents a question of legislative policy concerning which this Department prefers not to make any recommendation.

Sincerely,

A. DEVITT VANECH,
Deputy Attorney General.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 4503) should be enacted.